

REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, claim 20 has been cancelled. Claims 2-9, 12, 13, 16-19, and 22 are under consideration.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. §102:

Claim 20 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Shimoda et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,442,115).

Claim 20 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTERS:

All remaining claims 2-9, 12, 13, 16-19, and 22 have been allowed.

CONCLUSION:

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

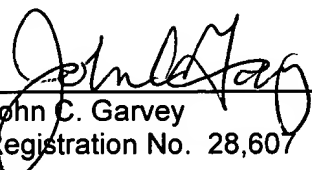
Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

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